

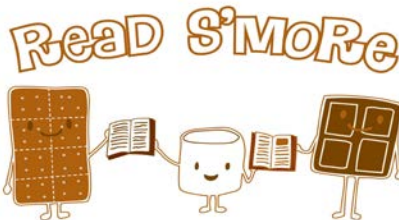


## Principal's Corner

Welcome to March and the hint of Spring!

- **What a great auction last Saturday!** Thank you to all who attended and those who worked so hard to make it such an enjoyable event!
- **Spring forward on 3/11**, turn your clocks ahead.
- **Safety protocols are being reviewed by the district** due to recent events. I will be sending information about some changes that I truly believe will help make our school a safer place for our children to attend.
- **Parent Conferences** are the 19<sup>th</sup>-23. Please check with your teacher for times. Not all families will be offered a conference but if you wish to meet please make your desire known.
- **Love a Picture Book Night is Wed. 3/7**, make sure you attend! It is a truly unique, spirit of Birch Lane event!
- **The Superintendent will speak at the PTA meeting** on 3/14 on the direction of the district. Meet in the library at 7:00 PM
- **Missoula Children's Theatre** is coming! Auditions will be held on Monday March 19 in our MPR, beginning around 2:00 p.m. (we will verify with our fabulous Missoula theater folks) with the first rehearsal immediate following. Practices are held after school all week with the performance on Friday night March 23 at 6:00 PM at the Brunelle Performance Theater at the High School! Our amazing PTA funds this every other year. Please come! It will be a great show with lots of seating!
- **Spring Vacation** is March 26-30.

Principal Knight



## Love a Picture Book Night

Wednesday March 7 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

All February, students have been reading picture books to celebrate a storied Birch Lane tradition—Love a Picture Book Month. On March 7, join us in the library and in the MPR as families gather for an evening celebration of reading at **Love a Picture Book Night**. See how the library has been transformed into a cozy camping-themed reading space and see if you can spot your child's name on the camping cut-outs showing how many books they read.

**VOLUNTEERS**- help! We need LOTS of cupcakes baked for this event so the kids can have a treat! Sign up here:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C084AA5AB2BA1FD0-love](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C084AA5AB2BA1FD0-love)

## CALENDAR



- ❖ Fri., 3/2. Spirit Day – Crazy Hair Day
- ❖ Sat., 3/3. Birch-Chella Auction & Music
- ❖ Wed., 3/7. Love a Picture Book Family Night\*\* (6:30 to 8 p.m.)
- ❖ Wed., 3/14. PTA Meeting (7-8 p.m.)
- ❖ Thurs., 3/15. Variety Show Auditions
- ❖ Sat., 3/17. Garden Work Party
- ❖ Mon., 3/19-Fri., 3/23. Spring Conference Week and Book Fair\*\* (1:30 dismissal)
- ❖ Mon., 3/19-Fri., 3/23. Missoula Children's Theater Production
- ❖ Wed., 3/21. Family Fun Dinner Fundraiser: Woodstock's Pizza (5-8 p.m.)
- ❖ Mon., 3/26-Fri. 3/30. Spring Break (no school)
- ❖ Wed., 4/4. PTA Meeting (7-8 p.m.)
- ❖ Fri., 4/6. Spirit Day – Backwards Clothes Day
- ❖ Fri., 4/6. Battle of the Books (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)
- ❖ Wed., 4/25. Ice Cream Social (6 p.m.) and Open House (6:30-8 p.m.)
- ❖ Thurs., 4/26. Battle of the Books (intermediate grades)
- ❖ Fri., 4/27. PTA Arboretum Rededication
- ❖ Tues., 5/1. Math Night\*\* (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
- ❖ Wed., 5/2. PTA Meeting (7-8 p.m.)
- ❖ Fri., 5/4. Spirit Day – Pajama Day
- ❖ Fri., 5/4. Ready, Set, Read Day\*\*
- ❖ Sat., 5/5. PTA Spring Carnival\*\*

PTA calendar is online at [birchlaneppta.org](http://birchlaneppta.org)

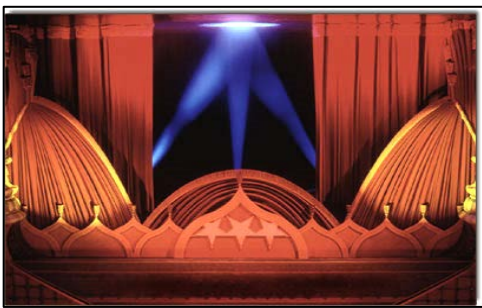
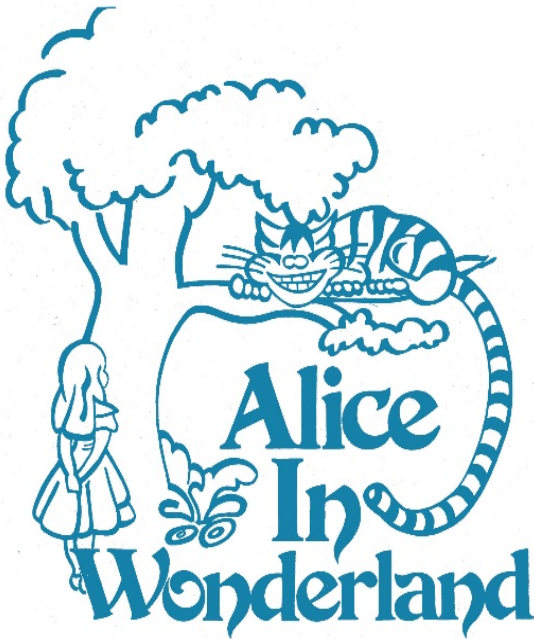
\*\* Event is volunteer-run and can't happen without your help! To volunteer, please email the PTA at [birchlaneppta@gmail.com](mailto:birchlaneppta@gmail.com)





## Alice in Wonderland

Alice in Wonderland is coming to Birch Lane via the Missoula Children's Theater the week of March 19th. This theater company travels to reach children that otherwise may not have access to a theater program and put on an entire play in one week. Read more about the mission of this traveling arts group: [mctinc.org/the-full-story/](http://mctinc.org/the-full-story/) **Auditions and Rehearsals:** Monday March 19 in the MPR, starting appx. 2:00 p.m. **Practices:** after school all week. **Performance:** Friday March 23 at 6:00 PM, Brunelle Theater at the High School.



## The Variety Show is Just Around the Corner!

Auditions are on Thurs., 3/15, from 2:35-4:30 p.m. The Variety Show will be held on Friday, April 13. There will be two performances—one show during the day at a student assembly, and a second show for the parents from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

## Student Council News

### Crazy Hair Day fun with Ms. Palow in the library



### Other Student Council News:

Friday, April 6, is Backwards Clothes Day.



## Counselor's Corner

Students in Mrs. Carrell's leadership group held a school-wide assembly Wed., Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Student leaders encouraged classmates to make positive contributions to "The Spirit of BLE." What is "The Spirit of Birch Lane"? Leadership students describe it as "all of the things we do around campus to make Birch Lane a great place to learn."

The gave examples such as helping out in their buddy class, working in the gardens, donating to charities, filling each other's buckets, and inviting kids from the buddy bench to join them during recess. Leadership Students asked all students to participate in the Spirit of Birch Lane poster activity in which students may draw, write or take a photo of themselves demonstrating the Spirit of Birch Lane. We invite you to look for these posters on display throughout campus during Open House!

- Susie Carrell, EdS, NCC, BLE Counselor  
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# Birch Lane Eagles News



## Garden Update

- ❖ We have been harvesting veggies at the student farm, making hummus & salad dressing, and tasting our creations. Don't be surprised if students come home asking to make homemade hummus!
- ❖ Spring is coming! We will be planting flowers, tackling weeds, and starting seeds.
- ❖ Our Spring garden work party is coming up on Saturday, March 17, from 9 a.m. to noon. We will be clearing out the winter veggies in the student farm and preparing for Spring planting. Volunteers will be rewarded with free veggies!
- ❖ To volunteer in the Garden, contact Jenn Rogge, Garden Coordinator, at birchlanegardens@gmail.com.

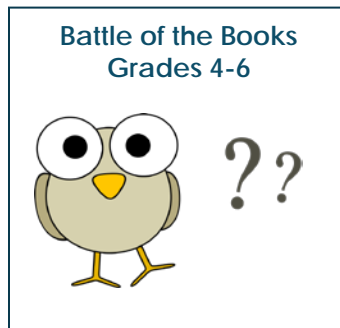
## Annual Battle of the Books!

Teams of 4 students will read 6 books and gather in the MPR to answer questions about the books. This is a fun way to encourage reading for comprehension and foster a love of reading. The kids are VERY excited!



Battle of the Books - Grade 3

- **Grade 3:** Books selected! Available for check out beginning 3/2. The Battle of the Books for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade is on 4/6.
- **Grades 4-6:** BIG BOOK REVEAL on Tuesday AM! So many have asked what the books are going to be! The books selected will be posted outside the library so swing by and look. Battle of the Books for Grades 4-6 is 4/26.



## Scholastic Book Fair

Is during conference week (3/19-3/24). **Please buy books!** This is how the library raises funds for new books and materials and it is the best way for parents to directly support the library.

When you check out, please drop a dollar or two in the box on the check-out counter. These donations are matched by Scholastic and help to buy books for kids at Birch Lane that can't afford to buy them right now.

Volunteers will be needed to set up, sell books, and repack unsold books at the end of the sale. If you can help, signup here: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4BAAA72CA0FB6-spring!](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4BAAA72CA0FB6-spring!)



*Thank you all for your support! The school auction was so fun! It is so important to be able to help our teachers and kids.*

## Spring Fling Raffle Tickets Are Coming Home Soon!

There are 38 prizes this year! Disney tickets, spa gift cards, iPad mini, dinner out, ice cream, Amazon gift cards, and more. Tickets \$5 each.

Prizes will be drawn during Carnival

## Save the Date! Carnival is Saturday May 5.

